

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/890,006	MORIMOTO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11-9-05 and 1-24-06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 12-15, 17, 22-26 and 31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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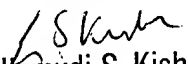
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Howard Frankfort on 1-24-06.

The application has been amended as follows:

- 1) In claim 1, in (i), (iii) and (iv), 'substituted or' has been deleted. On last two lines, 'alcohol-containing water-insoluble steroids and other alcohol containing compounds' has been deleted; and the expression, "(i) testosterone, (ii) cardiotonic steroids selected from the group consisting of digitoxigenin, digoxigenin and ouabuquenin, (iii) dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), (iv) eticholanolone, (v) pregnenolone, (vi) estradiol, (vii) estrone, (viii) dexamethasone, (ix) hydrocortisone and (x) paclitaxel" has been added.
- 2) In claim 12, line 2, 'selected from the group consisting of' before the term 'Propofol' and 'and related anesthetic or sedative compounds' after the term, 'Propofol' have been deleted.
- 3) In claim 22, 'the anesthetic compound' has been deleted and 'the therapeutic agent is paclitaxel' has been added. The claim dependency has been changed from '12' to '1).

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4) In claim 23, line 1, 'wherein the' has been deleted and 'further comprising a' has been added. In line 2, 'comprises' has been deleted and 'selected from' has been added. The dependency of claim has been changed from '13' to '12'.

5) The dependency of claim 24 has been changed from '21' to '23'.

5) Claims 2-11, 18-20, 27-30 and 32 have been canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art of record which teaches amide bonds formed between the carbonyl group on the agent and the free amino acid group on the linker does not teach or suggest instant bonds where X is 'o' or 's' and the specific therapeutic agents claimed.


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gollamudi S. Kishore, Ph.D whose telephone number is (571) 272-0598. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM- 4 PM, alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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